# STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES Land Division Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

May 13, 2010

Board of Land and Natural Resources State of Hawaii Honolulu, Hawaii

PSF No: 10KD-045

Kauai

Extinguish Two Reservations to the State of Hawaii Covering a Perpetual Non-Exclusive Access Easement and a Perpetual Non-Exclusive Trail Easement Within Land Patent Grant S-15952 issued to The Avataric Ruchirasala of Adidam, Wailua, Kawaihau, Kauai, Tax Map Key: (4) 4-2-007: affecting Parcel: 007.

# APPLICANT:

The Avataric Ruchirasala of Adidam a California nonprofit corporation.

# **LEGAL REFERENCE:**

Section 171-6, 57, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as amended.

# **LOCATION:**

Portion of land situated at Wailua, Kawaihau, Kauai, identified by Tax Map Key: (4) 4-2-007: affecting Parcel: 007, as shown on the attached map labeled Exhibit B.

# AREA:

1.262 acres, more or less.

# **ZONING:**

State Land Use District:

Rural

County of Kauai CZO:

Residential

# TRUST LAND STATUS:

Privately owned.

# **APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS:**

None

#### **REMARKS:**

The Board at its October 16, 1992, under agenda Item F-14 approved the direct sale of an abandoned road right-of-way to the FreeDaist Communion. It was recommended that the sale would be subject to (1) an easement in favor of the State for access to Parcel 130 (Wailua River Reserve encumbered by Governor's Executive Order 1771 to State Parks) from being landlocked and (2) an easement in favor of the State for a future public trail alignment (Division of Forestry and Wildlife, Na Ala Hele Program). Land Patent Grant No. S-15952 was issued on March 24, 2006.

Because of the death of the two visitors at Opaeka'a Falls within Wailua River State Park on December 19, 2006 and subsequent lawsuit, by letter dated April 29, 2009, Mr. Wayne Nasser, attorney for The Avataric Ruchirasala of Adidamy, expressed concerns that a similar tragedy may happen on the land conveyed to his client by the State, and requested that the two (2) easements be cancelled (or extinguished). The use of the easements poses a serious danger to anyone using or trying to use them and the trail and roadway are only paper interests – they do not exist and never have existed on the ground. They essentially lead to no place of interest. They terminate at a steep eroding cliff with no view of the falls and only a marginal view of the Wailua River (Exhibit A).

State and County of Kauai agencies were solicited for comments.

County Public Works-

No response.

County Planning-

We have no objections.

Department of Health-

We have no environmental health concerns to offer.

Na Ala Hele and State Parks response are attached as Exhibit C and D.

# **RECOMMENDATION**: That the Board:

- 1. Extinguish Two Reservations to the State of Hawaii Covering a Perpetual Non-Exclusive Access Easement and a Perpetual Non-Exclusive Trail Easement Within Land Patent Grant S-15952 issued to The Avataric Ruchirasala of Adidam, subject to the following:
  - A. The standard terms and conditions of the most current document form, as may be amended from time to time;
  - C. Review and approval by the Department of the Attorney General; and

Such other terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Chairperson D. to best serve the interests of the State.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mardene Ellnoler

Tommy Oi District Land Agent

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:

Laura H. Thielen, Chairperson

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April 29, 2009

Mr. Thomas Oi Kauai District Land Agent State of Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources Land Division 3060 Eiwa Strèet, Room 306 Lihue, Hawaii 96766

Re:

Easements Reserved in Land Patent Grant No. 15, 952 to The Avataric Ruchirasala of Adidam; Wailua, Kawaihau, Kauai,

TMK: (4) 4-4-007:abutting 012

Dear Mr. Oi:

I represent Avataric Ruchirasala of Adidam, the owner of TMK (4) 4-4-007: abutting 012. This land comprised an abandoned roadway remnant that was conveyed to my client by Land Patent No. 15,952 (copy enclosed). The purpose of this letter is to request, pursuant to HRS §§ 171-52 and 57, that the State of Hawaii cancel and extinguish the two easements reserved to the State in the Patent; more particularly: 1) The access easement described on pages 2-4 of Exhibit "A," attached to the Patent (the property description) and shown on Exhibit "B" (map); and 2) The Perpetual Non-Exclusive Trail Easement (10-15 feet wide) described on page 4 of Exhibit "A" and shown on Exhibit "B." Upon the extinguishment, my client would completely block off access to this roadway/trail.

The grounds for this request are two-fold: 1) Use of the easements poses a serious danger to anyone using or trying to using them. This danger raises a concomitant specter of significant liability for accidents and injury; and 2) The trail and the roadway are only paper interests - they do not exist and never have existed on the ground. They essentially lead to no place of interest. They terminate at a steep eroding cliff with no view of the falls and only a marginal view of the River. There are far better, more accessible, view points nearby. We believe that it is in the best interest of the State, my client, and the public that this area be taken out of public use and ownership, and permanently blocked.

EXHIBIT" A"

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Tel: (808) 539-0400 Fax: (808) 533-4945 Email: atty@awlaw.com www.ashfordwriston.com Mr. Thomas Oi Page 2 April 29, 2009

My client requests that the State determine that the easements have no positive value (they may have a negative value) and consent to cancel and extinguish them for nominal consideration (e.g., \$10).

This letter follows your previous discussions with representatives of my client and your own site inspections. We know that you are well aware of the concerns expressed above. For your reference and for the edification of those who might review this request, I have enclosed photographs, keyed to a map of the area. These photos have short captions and speak more persuasively than any statements that we can make to support the grounds for this request. This dangerous road/trail to "no where" should not be used by anyone.

In addition, I have enclosed a Google aerial photo with the remnant roadway drawn in blue and Kaholalele falls shown in the extreme left-hand side -- too far from the end of the trail to see.

In recent years, the newspapers have been full of stories of accidents on and around steep trails, rivers and waterfalls. In most of these instances, unlike here, there were actual trails existing and in use, making this all the more dangerous.

We understand that you share our concerns and we trust that you will act favorably upon our request and recommend it to the Board for approval.

If we can be of any further assistance to you, or if we can supply you with additional information, please do not hesitate to ask.

Thank you for your consideration.

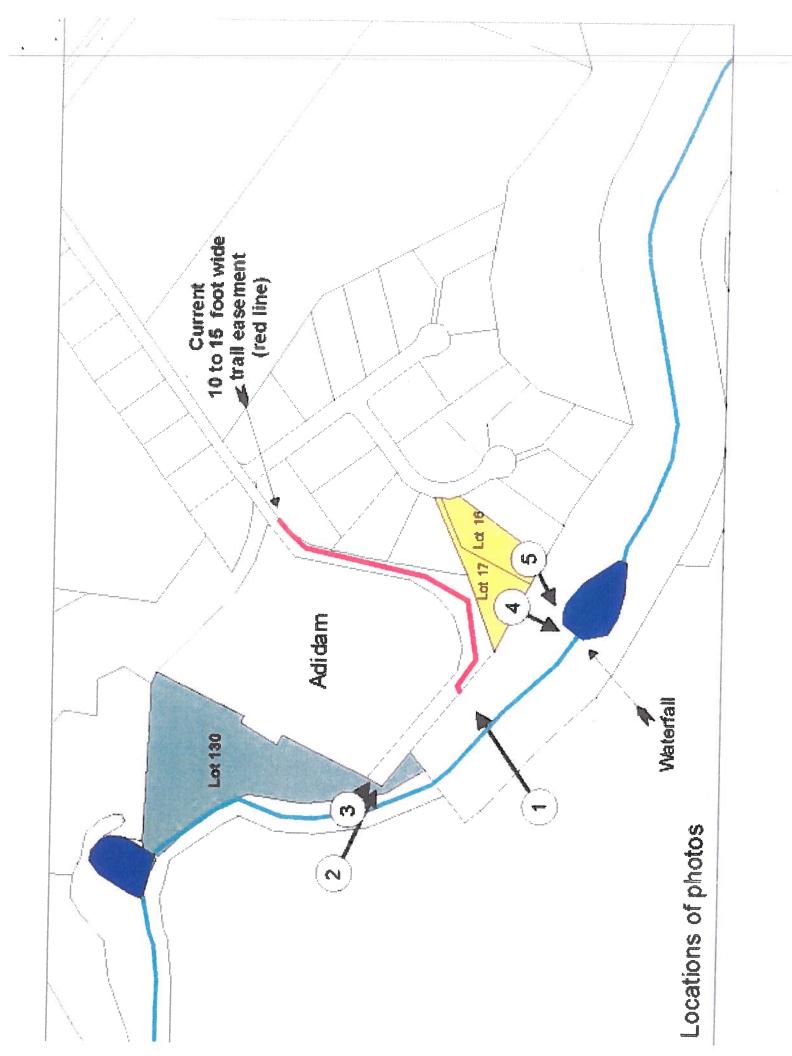
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**Enclosures** 

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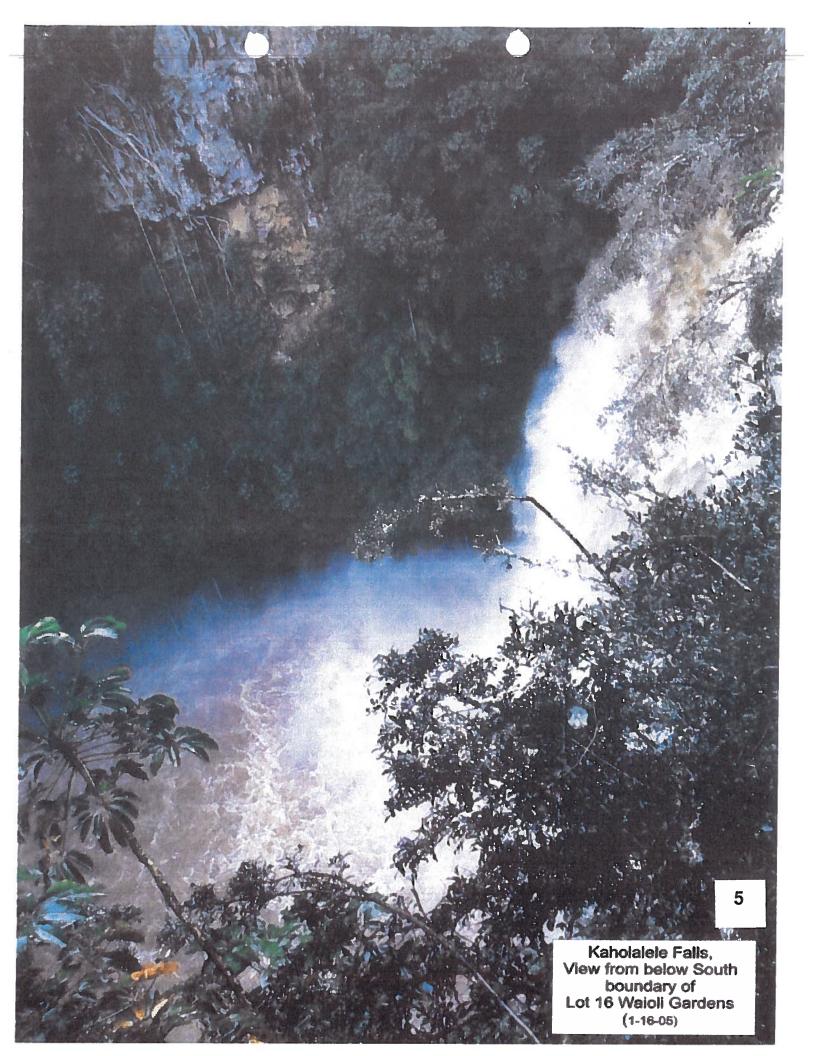












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PATENTOR:

STATE OF HAWATT

PATENTEE:

THE AVATARIC RUCHIRASALA OF ADIDAM, a California nonprofit corporation

# LAND PATENT GRANT NO. S-15,952

BY THIS PATENT the State of Hawaii, in conformity with the laws of the State of Hawaii relating to public lands, pursuant to the approval by the Board of Land and Natural Resources on October 16, 1992 and June 22, 2001, and acting pursuant to Section 171-52, Hawaii Revised Statutes, grants to, THE AVATARIC RUCHIRASALA OF ADIDAM, a California nonprofit corporation, whose address is Post Office Box 1175, Kapaa, Hawaii 96746, hereinafter referred to as the "Patentee," for the consideration of THIRTY ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$31,550.00), the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, all of the land situate at Wailua, Kawaihau, Kauai, Hawaii, being designated "Abandoned Portion of Kaholalele Road," containing an area of 1.262 acres, reserving to the State of

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Hawaii, its successors and assigns, a perpetual non-exclusive access easement, and reserving, also, to the State of Hawaii, its successors and assigns, a perpetual non-exclusive trail easement, more particularly described in Exhibit "A" and delineated on Exhibit "B," both of which are attached hereto and made parts hereof, said exhibits being respectively, a survey description and survey map prepared by the Survey Division, Department of Accounting and General Services, State of Hawaii, both being designated C.S.F. No. 23,150 and dated September 6, 2001.

RESERVING TO THE STATE OF HAWAII, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, THE FOLLOWING:

- All minerals as hereinafter defined, in, on or under the land and the right, on its own behalf or through persons authorized by it, to prospect for, mine, and remove these minerals and to occupy and use so much of the surface of the ground as may be required for all purposes reasonably extending to the mining and removal of these minerals by any means whatsoever, including strip mining. "Minerals," as used herein, shall mean any or all oil, gas, coal, phosphate, sodium, sulphur, iron, titanium, gold, silver, bauxite, bauxitic clay, diaspore, boehmite, laterite, gibbsite, alumina, all ores of aluminum and, without limitation thereon, all other mineral substances and ore deposits, whether solid, gaseous, or liquid, including all geothermal resources, in, on, or under the land, fast or submerged; provided, that "minerals" shall not include sand, gravel, rock, or other material suitable for use and used in general construction in furtherance of the Patentee's permitted activities on the land and not for sale to others.
- (2) All surface and ground waters appurtenant to the land and the right on its own behalf or through persons authorized by it, to capture, divert, or impound the same and to occupy and use so much of the land as may be required in the exercise of this right reserved.

Provided, however, that as a condition precedent to the exercise of the rights reserved in Paragraphs 1 and 2, just compensation shall be paid to the Patentee for any of Patentee's improvements taken.

RESERVING ALSO, a perpetual non-exclusive easement for a future public trail alignment, variable 10 feet to 15 feet wide easement in favor of the State of Hawaii, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife, Na Ala Hele Program. All cost associated with the ground survey shall be paid for by the Patentee. Said cost paid by Patentee shall be a

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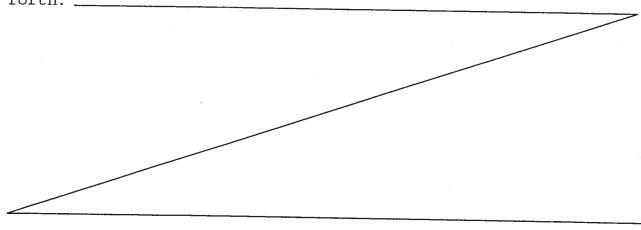
credit against the purchase price of this remnant. Should any part of this trail project, including the parking area and trail head entrance be eliminated as a result of change of ownership of the properties currently owned by the Patentee, such use shall be relocated in its entirety to the abandoned road right-of-way, as delineated on Exhibit "B." All such improvement costs required to accomplish this task shall be the responsibility of the Patentee.

AND THE PATENTEE, for itself, the Patentee's successors and assigns, covenants with the State of Hawaii, and its successors as follows:

- A) The use and enjoyment of the land herein granted shall not be in support of any policy which discriminates against anyone based upon race, creed, sex, color, national origin, religion, marital status, familial status, ancestry, physical handicap, disability, age or HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) infection.
- B) The use of the land shall be in combination, consolidation, or otherwise with other abutting lands owned by the Patentee and shall be used in accordance with the appropriate zoning and subdivision ordinances of the County of Kauai.

SUBJECT TO rights of native tenants and regulatory rights and ownership rights (if any) of the State of Hawaii established pursuant to state law including Chapter 6E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, over prehistoric or historic remains found in, on, or under the land.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD said granted land unto the said Patentee, the Patentee's successors and assigns forever, subject, however, to the reservations, conditions and covenants herein set forth.



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Attorney General

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the State of Hawaii, by its Board of Land and Natural Resources, has caused the seal of the Department of Land and Natural Resources to be hereunto affixed and this Patent to be duly executed this 24th day of March , 20 06

Approved by the Board of Land and Natural Resources at its meetings held on October 16, 1992, June 22, 2001, and January 13, 2006.

STATE OF HAWAII

Chairperson

Board of Land and Natural Resources

PATENTOR

THE AVATARIC RUCHIRASALA OF ADIDAM, a California nonprofit corporation

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

PATENTEE

Deputy Attorney General

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before me appeared mart. Travis ), to me personally known, who, being by me duly sworn, did say that they are the and authorized agent and authorized agent respectively, of THE AVATARIC RUCHIRASALA OF ADIDAM, a California nonprofit corporation, and that the foregoing instrument was signed in behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and the said \_ Qaran Marana and mark Travis acknowledged said)instrument to be the free act and deed of said corporation.

Sherry J. Rodrigues

My commission Expiration Date: February 21, 2007

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# STATE OF HAWAII

SURVEY DIVISION
DEPT. OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
HONOLULU

C.S.F. No. 23,150

September 6, 2001

# ABANDONED PORTION OF KAHOLALELE ROAD

Wailua, Kawaihau, Kauai, Hawaii

Being a portion of the Government (Crown) Land of Wailua.

Beginning at the north corner of this parcel of land and on the southeast boundary of Grant 10273 to Fred Warren Wichman, the coordinates of said point of beginning referred to Government Survey Triangulation Station "NONOU" being 1380.50 feet South and 12,941.99 feet West, thence running by azimuths measured clockwise from True South:-

1.	323°	16'	40.00	feet across Kaholalele Road;
2.	53°	16'	75.69	feet along Grant 9714 to Yutaka Hamamoto;
3.	10°	09'	432.30	feet along Grant 9714 to Yutaka Hamamoto;
4.	70°	41'	195.40	feet along Grant 9714 to Yutaka Hamamoto;
5.	129°	53'	447.02	feet along Wailua River Reserve, Governor's Executive Order 1771 and the Government (Crown) Land of Wailua;

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6.	206°	08'	41.26	feet along the Government (Crown) Land of Wailua;
7.	309°	53'	347.10	feet along Grant 10273 to Fred Warren Wichman;
8.	281°	55'	59.80	feet along Grant 10273 to Fred Warren Wichman;
9.	253°	11'	75.00	feet along Grant 10273 to Fred Warren Wichman;
10.	232°	30'	75.00	feet along Grant 10273 to Fred Warren Wichman;
11.	212°	05'	76.00	feet along Grant 10273 to Fred Warren Wichman;
12.	190°	09'	296.90	feet along Grant 10273 to Fred Warren Wichman;
13.	233°	16'	91.50	feet along Grant 10273 to Fred Warren Wichman to the point of beginning and containing an AREA OF 1.262 ACRES.

Reserving to the State of Hawaii, its successors and assigns, a Perpetual Non-Exclusive Access Easement, as shown on plan attached hereto and made a part hereof, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the north corner of this easement being the initial point of the above-described Abandoned Portion of Kaholalele Road, thence running by azimuths measured clockwise from True South:-



1.	323°	16'	40.00	feet across Kaholalele Road;
2.	53°	16'	75.69	feet along Grant 9714 to Yutaka Hamamoto;
3.	10°	09'	432.30	feet along Grant 9714 to Yutaka Hamamoto;
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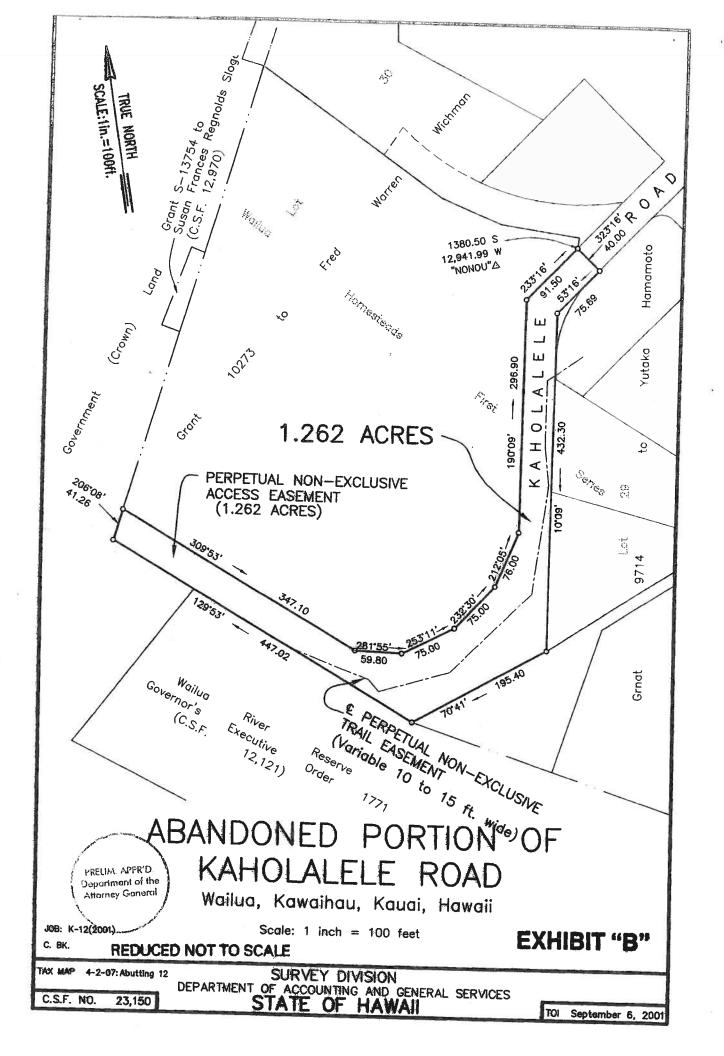
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# CERTIFICATE

I, Michael J. Wood, acting in my official capacity as Secretary of and General Counsel to The Avataric Ruchirasala of Adidam, a California religious nonprofit corporation (the "Corporation"), do hereby certify that on March 7, 2006 the Board of Directors of the Corporation unanimously adopted the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, the Corporation has received from the State of Hawaii a document entitled "Land Patent Grant No. 8-15,952", which document (the "Grant") will, when fully executed, effect a grant by the State of Hawaii to the Corporation of "all of the land situate at Wailua, Kawaihau, Kauai, Hawaii, being designated 'Abandoned Portion of Kaholalele Road,' containing an area of 1.262 acres. . . "; and

WHEREAS, the Grant states that it is "APPROVED AS TO FORM", that statement being signed as of 2/6/06 by the Hawaii Deputy Attorney General, and the Grant further contemplates that it will be signed by two authorized representatives of the Corporation and then by the Chairperson, Board of Land and Natural Resources, State of Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Directors has reviewed the Grant and has determined that it is in the best interests of the Corporation and its members for the Corporation to execute the Grant;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Aaron Nakagawa and Mark Travis be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to sign the Grant on behalf of the Corporation, to then transmit the Grant to the Board of Land and Natural Resources for signature by its Chairperson, and to take such further actions and execute such further documents as are necessary or appropriate in their judgment to the full and complete execution of the Grant and the full and proper implementation of these resolutions; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that Michael J. Wood, Secretary of and General

Counsel to the Corporation, be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to prepare, sign, and have notarized his Certificate attesting to the due adoption by this Board of Directors of these resolutions and to transmit his Certificate to Messrs. Nakagawa and Travis so that they will be informed of the due adoption by this Board of Directors of these resolutions, Mr. Wood being hereby further authorized and directed to continue advising and assisting Messrs. Nakagawa and Travis as appropriate in connection with this matter.

I do hereby further certify that those resolutions remain in full force and effect.

Date: March 7, 2006

Michael J. Wood

# **CALIFORNIA ALL-PURPOSE ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

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Memorandum

TO:

Thomas Oi

Kauai District Land Agent

FROM:

Doris Moana Rowland AMR

Interim Na Ala Hele Program Manager

SUBJECT:

Cancellation of Easements Reserved in Land Patent Grant No. 15,952 to the

Avataric Ruchirasala of Adidam, situate at Wailua, Kawaihau, Kauai,

TMK: (4) 4-4-007: abutting 12

Upon consultation with Kauai Staff, Na Ala Hele consents to the cancellation and extinguishment of two easements that were reserved to the State of Hawaii in the referenced Land Patent Grant. This affects the trail easement described in the Grant as The Perpetual Non-Exclusive Trail Easement (10-15 feet wide).

Staff recognizes the Church's concerns regarding the safety and liability of allowing access over Church property in unsafe locations. Furthermore, the State does not have the resources to properly create, maintain, and control such access.

If I can be of further assistance in this matter, please let me know.

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c: Wayne Nasser, Ashford & Wriston



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Mr. Wayne Nasser Ashford & Wriston PO Box 131 Honolulu, HI 96810

Dear Mr. Nasser:

Subject: Cancellation of Easements Reserved in Land Patent Grant No. 15, 952 to The Avataric Ruchirasala of Adidam; Wailua, Kawaihau, Kauai, TMK: (4) 4-4-007:abutting 012

Mr. Quinn referred your July 30, 2009 letter to me for response.

Please be advised that State Parks has no objection to the cancellation of the trail/easement with respect to the above property.

Sincerely,

Steve Thompson

Parks Program Manager

c: Mr. Daniel Quinn, Administrator Mr. Thomas Oi, Kauai Land Agent

Mr. Mark Travis